

## FANTASTIC GARDENS

9550 S. W. 67th Avenue  
South Miami 43, Florida

### ~~BROMELIAD PRICE LIST~~ - 1957

The Pineapple Family

Most of the Bromeliads are "air plants", or to be more exact, epiphytes growing naturally on trees, so their care is somewhat different from other house plants. The potting medium must in all cases be well drained. For convenience in handling we use Osmunda (the same fern root fiber which is used for potting orchids); any other orchid potting media, such as Fir Bark, Cedar Bark, etc., as well as a mixture of coarse sand and crushed granite and German peat will prove satisfactory in most cases. Those plants that hold water between the leaves should be kept full of water, preferable rainwater. Spray the leaves with water frequently and water the roots at least once a week. Do not use any spray containing oil, or any minerals such as copper, arsenic or zinc.

- AECHMEA AUREO-ROSEA** Costa Rica \$ 1.00  
Medium size plants. The green leaves are prettily cross-banded with white. Flower head erect with showy crimson bract and reddish-yellow flowers.
- AECHMEA BRACTEATA** Mexico ~~\$ 2.50~~ 3.00  
Plant grows to 3 feet high and becomes bottle-shaped when grown in brilliant light. Long lasting flower spike with bright red bracts.
- AECHMEA BROMELIAFOLIA** \$ 3.50  
Large growing plant with gray-green, prickly leaves and interesting yellow flower head.
- AECHMEA CAUDATA VARIEGATA** \$ 2.50  
Thin, urn shaped plant with broad longitudinal bands of cream.
- AECHMEA FASCIATA** Brazil \$ 3.50 - 7.50  
"Urn Plant". Select European strain with long lasting, pink flower heads. Foliage beautifully silver banded.
- AECHMEA x 'FOSTERS FAVORITE'** \$ 1.00 - 1.50  
This hybrid has lacquered, wine-red leaves. Flower spikes droop with berry-like flowers in winter.
- AECHMEA FULGENS DISCOLOR** Brazil \$ 1.50 - 2.00  
Good foliage, underside smooth purple, covered with a white powder. Erect, long lasting cluster of berry-like flowers.
- AECHMEA MARIAE REGINAE** \$ 4.50 - 7.50  
Large growing type with broad, light green leaves. Highly thought of for its unusual flowers.
- AECHMEA MARMORATA** Brazil \$ 2.50 - 3.50  
"Grecian Vase". Tubular, vase-shaped and most decorative plant. Leaves gray-green, somewhat cross-banded with dark green.
- AECHMEA MINIATA DISCOLOR** Brazil \$ 2.00 - 2.50  
A rosette of medium green leaves. The underside beautiful glossy maroon. Blue flowers on erect spike, followed by long lasting red berries.
- ~~**AECHMEA ORLANDIANA** Brazil ~~\$ 2.50 - 3.50~~~~
- AECHMEA PINELLIANA** \$ 5.00  
A compact rosette, dwarf type plant. The pinkish green foliage is dusted with powder.



- AECHEMEA RACINAE** Brazil \$ 1.50 - 2.50  
 "Christmas Jewel". Small, rosette plant with shiny, light green leaves. Flowers yellow, black and red on pendant stem at Christmas time.
- AECHEMEA SCHULTESIANA** Colombia \$ 1.25 - 3.00  
 Upright rosette with rosy-bronze leaves. Erect flower spike followed by long lasting berries, first white then blue. One of the most popular and desirable kinds.
- AECHEMEA SPECIES** Brazil \$ 2.50  
 This colorful species has very fleshy, dark green leaves, heavily banded in a similar way as *Aechmea Orlandiana*, but darker. Very choice. Available after July 1, 1957.
- AECHEMEA WEILLBACHIA RUBRA** \$ 5.00  
 The many broad leaves are sopia-orange colored. Flower spike erect in red and lavender.
- BILLBERGIA EUPHEMIAE** \$ 1.50  
 Tubular plant with gray-green leaves. Drooping flower spike with lovely pink bracts.
- BILLBERGIA FANTASIA** \$ 3.50  
 Similar to B. Saundersi hybrids, but larger and spotted much more heavily, predominantly cream in color.
- BILLBERGIA HYBRIDS** our selection \$ 1.00 - 1.25  
 This group has many interesting colors. selected reds \$ 2.00
- BILLBERGIA LEPTOPODA** Brazil \$ 1.50 - 2.00  
 "Permanent Wave Plant". Small, tubular plant with gray-green leaves, spotted cream, curled into fiddle heads at the ends. Flowers red, blue and yellow.
- BILLBERGIA PORTEANA** \$ 1.50 - 2.50  
 Tall, tubular with gray-green leaves, lightly banded with silver. Choice.
- BILLBERGIA PYRAMIDALIS** Brazil \$ 1.00 - 1.50  
 Broad leaved rosette of pale green foliage. Flower spike short and erect with radiant orange-pink flowers. Fall.
- BILLBERGIA SAUNDERSI HYBRIDS** \$ 2.50  
 Showy tubular plants, particularly appealing with their leaves splashed with cream and maroon. Showy inflorescence with crimson bracts.
- ~~**BILLBERGIA WENDII**~~ \$ ~~2.50~~  
 A charming dwarf, clustering plant. Red flower bracts.
- CRYPTANTHUS ACAULIS** \$ 0.50  
 Flat, star-shaped rosette of silvery green leaves.
- CRYPTANTHUS ACAULIS RUBER** \$ 0.50  
 Leaves dark, bronzy red, with silvery overcast.
- CRYPTANTHUS BAHIANUS** \$ 1.00  
 Stiff, upright rosette of smooth, dark reddish leaves on distinct stem. Likes very bright light.
- CRYPTANTHUS BIVARIATUS** (Roseo picta) \$ 0.50 - 0.75  
 Each leaf striped lengthwise with two green bands on bronzy-pink background.
- CRYPTANTHUS BROMELIOIDES** (terminalis) \$ 0.50  
 Upright growing plants, leaves green with reddish suffusion.
- CRYPTANTHUS BROMELIOIDES 'TRICOLOR'** \$ 2.50  
 A vivid pink and white variety of above.
- CRYPTANTHUS FOSTERIANUS** \$ 2.50  
 A large, spready, new type with very fleshy leaves, resembling C. zonatus but larger and much more showy.



- CRYPTANTHUS LACERDAE \$ 1.00  
 "Silver Star". Flat rosette with frosted silvery leaves with two lengthwise green stripes. Most desirable.
- CRYPTANTHUS OSYANUS \$ 1.50  
 Large, flat rosettes. Leaves tan and pink with green mottlings.
- CRYPTANTHUS HYBRIDS \$ 1.50  
 These hybrids are remarkably variable, but they are all nice. When mature they average larger in size than most of the species and the colors run the complete gamut.
- CRYPTOBERGIA MEADI \$ 1.00  
 Resembles a miniature pineapple plant with narrow, powdery, pinkish leaves. Flower stem has pink bracts.
- DYCKIA ALTISSIMA \$ 0.50 - 1.50  
 Stiff, agave like plants, very dark green. Grows to one foot across, larger than many Dyckias.
- HOHENBERGIA STELLATA Brazil \$ 3.50 up  
 Makes a huge plant. The showy cerise-red flower head lasts for months.
- NEOREGELIA CAROLINAE TRICOLOR \$10.00  
 A most showy, bright variegation in pink, cream and green, longitudinally striped. Crimson heart when in bloom.
- NEOREGELIA MARMORATA True species \$ 2.50  
 "Marble Plant". Colorful, marbled pattern of maroon and purple on light green leaves tipped with red. Grow in bright light for best color.
- NEOREGELIA MARMORATA HYBRIDS ~~\$ 1.75~~ 2.50  
 Maroon and green mottled leaves with red tips. More color than above.
- ~~NEOREGELIA ZONATUS Brazil~~ ~~\$ 1.75~~  
 Brightly colored small plants. Chartreuse leaves, heavily cross-banded with red.
- NEOREGELIA SPECTABILIS HYBRIDS \$ ~~1.75~~ 2.50  
 "Fingernail Plant". Bronzy-green leaves with red tips.
- NIDULARIUM FULGENS (Nidularium pictum, Hort.) \$ 5.00  
 Rosette of chartreuse-green leaves, spotted with dark green. The rose-like flower head is composed of brilliant red bracts, long lasting.
- PORTEA PETROPOLITANA \$ 3.50 - 5.00  
 Big grower, light green. The large, long lasting and showy inflorescences have large, lavender berry-like flowers.
- QUESNALIA ARVENSIS Brazil \$ 2.50 - 3.50  
 Compact, many leaved light green plant. Flower head erect with dense cluster of glowing pink flowers.
- TILLANDSIA IONANTHE Mexico clusters on bark \$ 1.00  
 Real miniatures, 3" high. Many quill-like gray leaves which turn bright red during the flowering season in January and February. Blue flowers are large for the plant. Wants sunny exposure.
- TILLANDSIA LINDENI Peru ~~collings~~ ~~\$ 3.00~~ - 4.50  
 Many gracefully recurved pointed leaves, flowering size \$ 7.50  
 dark green with many pencil stripes of maroon running longitudinally up the leaves. Flower spike flattened, purplish pink with large (2") clear blue flowers.

RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1964  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

- VRILLESIA CARINATA* xMarie \$ 5.00 - 7.50  
 "Painted Feather". Small growing rosette with soft light green leaves. Erect, flattened, imbricated flower spike with gorgeous, long lasting, red and yellow bracts.
- VRILLESIA IMPERIALIS* Brazil seedlings \$ 1.00 **UP**  
 A large growing type with broad heavy leaves. Very rare in cultivation. Available after July 1, 1957.
- VRILLESIA SPLENDENS* Guiana \$ 4.50 - 7.50  
 "Flaming Sword". A very distinctive and choice plant. The green leaves are uniformly crossbanded with almost black colorings. Sword-like spike of crimson bracts and yellow flowers.

The following plants are selections of rare importations and only available in limited quantities:

- AECHMEA COELESTIS* . . . . . \$ 5.00  
~~*AECHMEA FASCIATA*, Brazil . . . . . seedlings \$ 1.00~~  
*AECHMEA FASCIATA* VAR. *PURPUREA*, Brazil . . . . . \$10.00  
*AECHMEA NUDICAULIS* . . . . . \$ 2.50  
*AECHMEA RECURVATA* VAR. *ORTIGIESII* . . . . . \$ 3.50 up  
*NEOREGELIA CARCHORODON*, Brazil . . . . . \$10.00  
*NEOREGELIA SPECIES*, Brazil . . . . . seedlings \$ 1.25  
 Rigid leaf, fingernail plant.  
*NIDULARIUM SCHEREMETIEWII*, Brazil . . . . . \$10.00  
*QUESNALIA LIBONIANA*, Brazil . . . . . seedlings \$ 1.00

ALL PRICES ARE QUOTED FOR ESTABLISHED PLANTS

PRICES FOB OUR NURSERY

If you do not state preference we will make shipment by Railway Express COLLECT  
 If you wish the plants sent by parcel post, we will bill you for the postage.

MINIMUM ORDER \$ 5.00

50¢ packing charge on smaller orders.

We also have many plants in larger sizes, and in some cases large specimen plants, to offer. These plants are priced accordingly, and if you wish to send additional money we will select the finest possible plants for you.

SORRY, WE DO NOT HAVE A LIST OF RARE PLANTS AT PRESENT,  
 BUT DO HAVE A LIST OF ORCHID BOTANICALS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

U. S. Department of Agriculture  
LIBRARY  
RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1958

62  
FANTASTIC GARDENS  
9550 S.W. 67th AVE.  
MIAMI 56, FLORIDA  
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

1957 Rev.

LIBRARY  
RECEIVED  
★ JAN 16 1958 ★  
U. S. Department of Agriculture

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
LIBRARY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
PRINTED MATTER

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300  
(GPO)

BIBLIOGRAPHY DIVISION  
LIBRARY, U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.